GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Arrest of Fishermen
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fishermen of other countries are taken into custody, if they enter the Indian territorial waters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of fishermen arrested and deported to their respective countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): Yes, the Indian Security Agencies apprehend the foreign fishermen for fishing related violations under the provisions of the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981 and MZI Rules, 1982. The details of foreign fishermen apprehended by Indian Security Agencies since 2012 are as follows:

Country 2012 2013 2014 2015

Pakistan 87 124 61 -
Bangladesh 22 - 111 57
Sri Lanka 116 339 215 74
(till 8th December)
Myanmar 131 90 7 27
(till 10th December)

The details of foreign fishermen repatriated since 2012 are as follows:

Country 2012 2013 2014 2015

Pakistan 64 28 74 115
(as on 10th December)
Bangladesh 22 - 111 -
Sri Lanka* - - - -
Myanmar - 119 - 521
(till November)

*All the Sri Lankan fishermen have been subsequently released and repatriated. As on date, there are no Sri Lankan fishermen in Indian custody for fisheries related violations.

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